

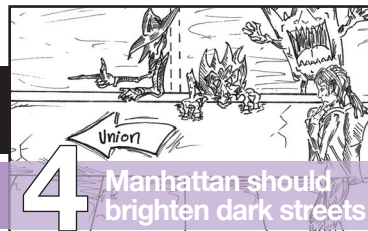
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Senators advise future leaders on how to run for SGA

By BRIDGET BERAN
THE COLLEGIAN

Each year, the K-State student body elects more than 50 students to represent them in the Student Governing Association. From allocating funds to speaking up for students in local and state government, student senators serve the student body in a number of ways.

With a limited number of positions, students have to campaign for their spots. Campaigning starts early in the spring semester for students that register by the deadline (which is this Friday at 4 p.m.) through iSIS under the Student Government Elections tab.

There are a number of ways to campaign, but some ways are more successful than others.

“One of the best strategies to run is to find someone else who is in your college and run together,” said Ryan Aeschliman, graduate in industrial engineering, communications committee chair and three-term student senator.

Aeschliman said that he had always been curious about student government and chose to run for SGA because he liked the idea of being able to use his skills to serve others.

Meredith Funk, senior in communication studies, took a different approach when she ran her first campaign two years ago.

“My first year I chalked all over campus,” Funk said. “My slogan was ‘Got Funk?’ I thought it was so clever. And I did a lot of social media.”

Social media is the top choice of campaigners. Using Facebook pages and Twitter, senator hopefuls can reach the masses in a short order. Widespread campaigns can be necessary, considering candidates need around 100 votes to win a seat in most colleges. That being said, potential candidates can still reach out in a multitude of ways.

For Dylan Hunter, junior in civil engineering and second-term senator, after teaming up with his fraternity brother and another friend in the College of Engineering, they chose face-to-face outreach instead of social media. Hunter said he felt that talking to people about why he was passionate about serving students was more impactful.

“Don’t be afraid to approach people,” Funk said. “Be fearless and just go for it.”

Sarah Haley, senior in psychology and elections commissioner, urges students who don’t have experience in SGA to give it a shot and file to run.

“I think that there’s a lot that can be done in your college and you gain so much experience from it,” Haley said. “I encourage all those who are seeking a way to get involved at K-State and learn more about where your money goes and how to increase diversity at our university, to try SGA. This is the best avenue in my eyes to do so.”

Following Friday’s filing deadline, candidates will have an informational meeting on either Monday, Feb. 16 or Tuesday, Feb. 17 with Haley to go over necessary information to ensure that students know how to run a clean campaign and get the correct paperwork filled out. One of the biggest mistakes candidates make, according to Haley, is forgetting to turn in an expense report.

“Even though you may not spend anything, you still have to turn in your expense report,” Haley said.

Primarily for paperwork purposes, the absence of an expense report will result in students being removed from the ballot.

The primary election, which decides which two president and vice president pairing will be on the general election ballot, will take place from 8 a.m. on Feb. 25 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 26. The general election will take place from 8 a.m. on March 3 to 6 p.m. on March 4.

Road to GameJam victory is color coded



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Betsy Baddeley, Manhattan resident, **Miriam Cox**, junior in information systems, **Joel Clark**, K-State alum '14, and **Casey Lafferty**, junior in computer science, stand with their game “Cryocrypt” and the awards that they won for it: best art, best story and best overall. “Cryocrypt” was a sci-fi puzzle game the team created where players selected color codes to unlock cryogenic chambers to free fellow space travellers. The team competed with others in the CIS GameJam in Fiedler Hall last weekend.

Camouflaged fellowship comes together to talk turkey

By PIERCE BENNETT
THE COLLEGIAN

There are very few banquets where wearing camouflage attire would be considered acceptable. Nonetheless, for the Three Rivers National Wild Turkey Federation chapter, camouflage was the color pattern of choice. The Three Rivers chapter held its 21st annual Hunting Heritage Banquet at the Houston Street Ballroom Saturday.

At the banquet, hunters and conservationists from around the local area and state came to see old friends, bid at an auction, and have dinner.

Games were held throughout the evening that were designed to give attendees chances at winning firearms, turkey hunting gear and home décor. Additionally, there was a silent and live auction. Even the youth were encouraged to be a part of the activities. An under-17 years old raffle gave children an opportunity to bid on a BB gun during the live auction under parental supervision.

Fundraising events like this banquet allow the Three Rivers chapter to help conserve native wildlife and land in Kansas.

“There is a lot of good done with this money,” John Adams,

president of the Three Rivers chapter, said.

The money will be used for conservation projects in the Manhattan area and throughout Kansas. According to a presenta-

tion at the event, \$20,000 alone goes to outreach and scholarships in the state. The federation also has spent over \$182,935 on conservation research in the state of Kansas alone.

Besides fundraising, the event allows for something that is extremely important to outdoorsmen and women: fellowship.

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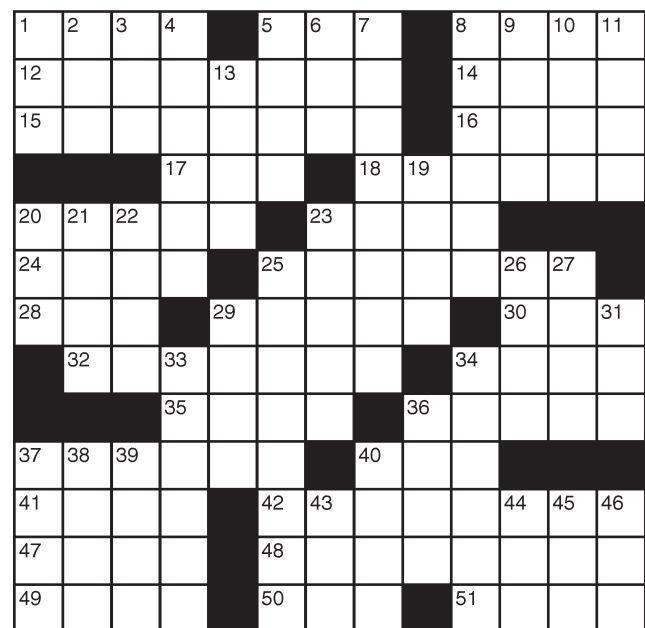
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Saturday's answer 2-9



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Confession time. Sometimes I go five miles over the speed limit.

Three years of school and the most important thing I've learned is how low my standards are.

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Friday, Feb. 6

Hubert Ives Gumbs Jr., of the 1700 block of North Manhattan Avenue, was booked for driving with a cancelled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Jackson Del Meyer, of the 2000 block of Arthur Drive, was booked for seven counts of criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Jackson Del Meyer, of the 2000 block of Arthur Drive, was booked a second time for eight counts of criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,500.

John Wesley Hale, of Lawrence, was booked for driving with a cancelled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Christopher Jacob Obrein, of Washington state, was booked for soliciting without a permit. Bond was

set at \$229.

Jose Manuel Gallegos, of Dodge City, was booked for obstructing the legal process and public consumption of liquor. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Bryan Gregory Moore, of the 2000 block of Deerfield Square, was booked for driving under the influence, refusal of a breath test and driving a vehicle without ignition interlock. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Deanna Michelle Taylor, of the 2200 block of Northview Drive, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Saturday Feb. 7

Emily Miah McKenzie Miller, of the 800 block of Ratone Street was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Justin Matthew Ward, of Wamego, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Austin Craig Cranston, of the 10 block of Oak Valley Drive, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Edwin Y Lemus Osorio, of Oklahoma, was booked for driving without a drivers license. Bond was set at \$500.

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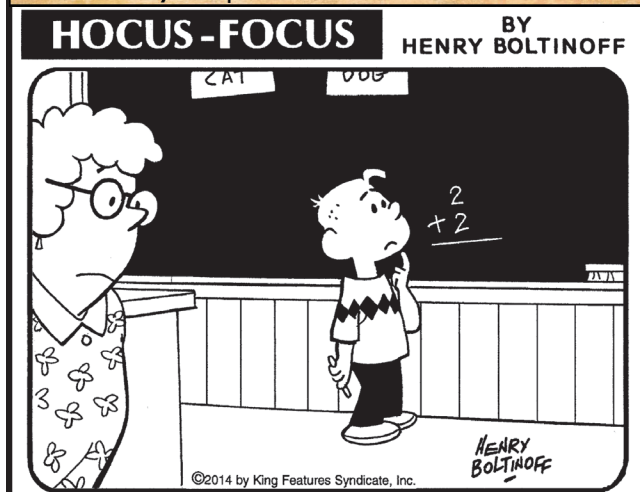
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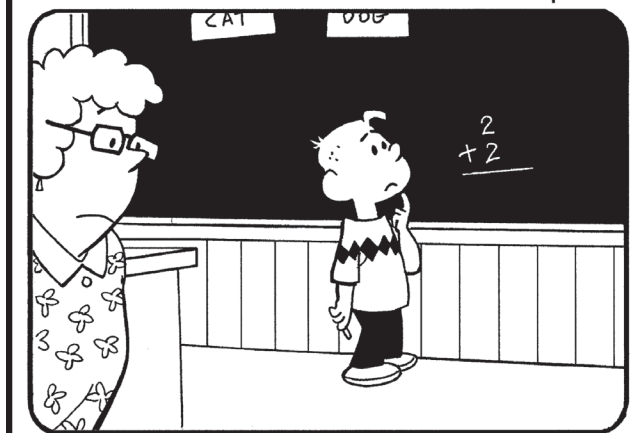
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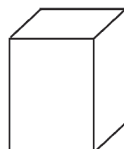


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Manhattan ignores old problems with city improvements

By COURTNEY BURKE
THE COLLEGIAN

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When I first started calling Manhattan home nearly four years ago as a freshman, it didn't seem like there was a lot happening here. The recent construction can be a pain, but the city is improving immensely. We can see it in the additions being put up on campus. We can see it in expanding retail stores and in new restaurant openings.

The question is, can you see the improvements at night? One thing that hasn't changed in the past few years is how dark Manhattan feels at after the sun goes down.

I love looking up at the stars at night and actually being able to see them, but I don't love walking and driving down dark side streets. Though there is little evidence to show people are more likely to be victims of a crime because they're walking down a dark street, almost every college campus website advises students to avoid poorly-lit on- and off-campus streets and paths at night.

So it stands to reason that if you're walking alone in an area where there isn't a lot of light or people, you're more vulnerable. If no one is around or students can't see what's going on around them, they are more susceptible to being the victim of a crime. According to the 2012 Kansas Crime Index there were 27 rapes and 124 aggravated assaults and batteries in Riley County. In 2013, there were 19 rapes and 111 aggravated assaults and batteries. Although the numbers dropped, students are still susceptible to becoming a statistic in next year's crime index.

Would better lit streets keep you safer? Not exactly. Crime can happen anywhere and at any time, and lighting doesn't change that. Two major factors that can keep you safe when walking alone at night is your awareness level and your body language. Nearly half of all rapes (43 percent) occur between 6 p.m. and midnight, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

Street lights would help students see their surroundings better, and they would feel more safe and comfortable. It's harder for the boogie man to scare you if he doesn't have as many shadows to hide in.

When I was looking for a house to live in for this next school year, I drove past loca-

tions at night to see how the neighborhood made me feel. If the street was too dark or I couldn't see myself comfortably walking at night, I crossed it off the list. K-State has several safety tips when it comes to living off-campus, and one of them is trusting your gut when it comes to feeling safe or comfortable. If you don't feel safe, there's probably a reason. Tenants are also

warned to take into consideration how far away you would have to park from the house, and to avoid walking long distances at night.

Another thing: I am constantly worried when I'm driving down a side street, especially close to campus where there is a lot of foot traffic, that I'm not going to see someone walking down the street. It's hard to see people when you're driving at

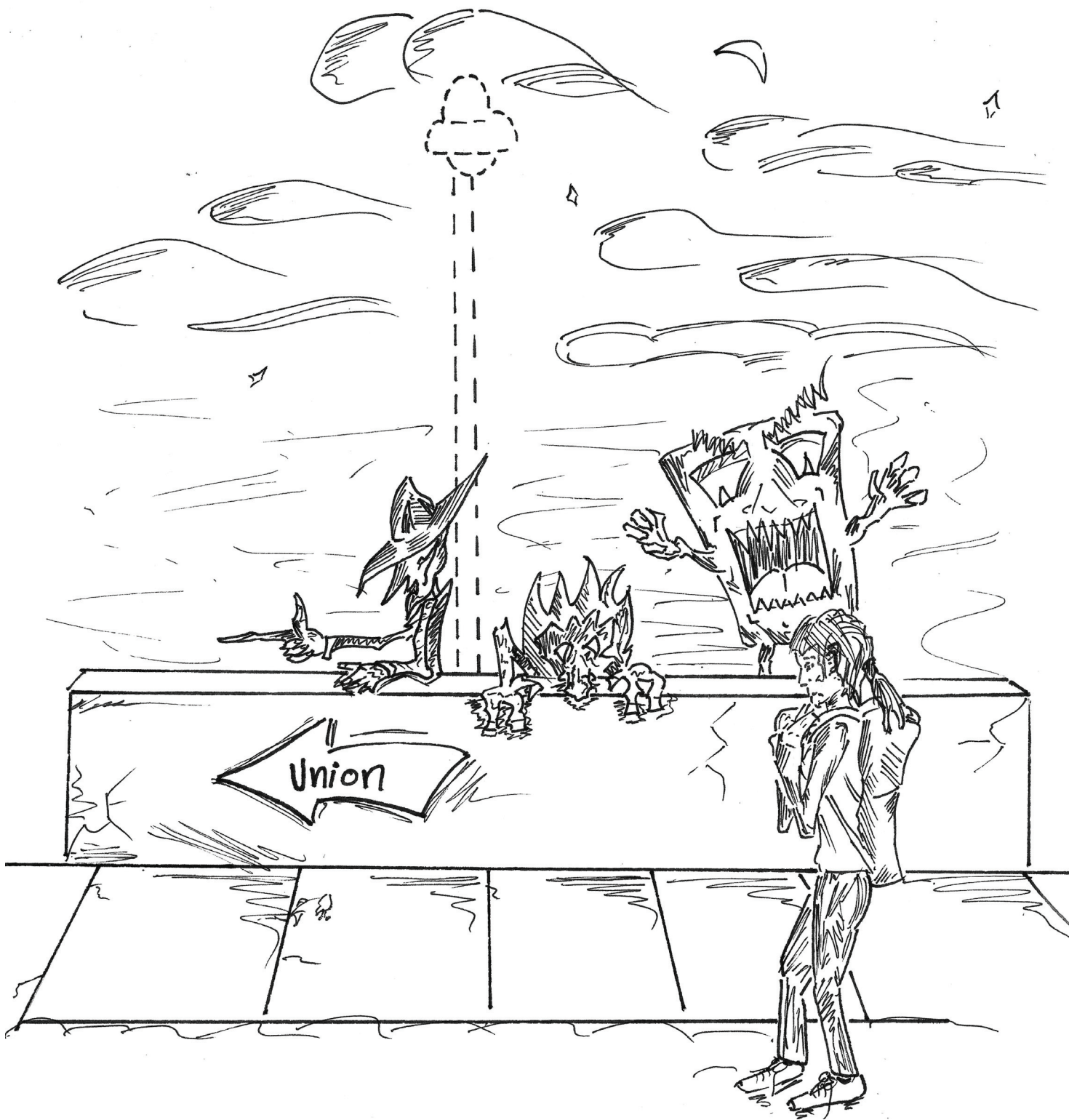
night, even with your headlights on.

Statistically speaking, crime may not be heavily swayed one way or the other by the presence of street lights. If having them makes you feel safer about the well-being of you and others, though, then it can't hurt to brighten this place up a bit. We're making all kinds of other improvements to Manhattan, and

this should be one of them.

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Brownback's education cuts are causing more trouble than they're worth



JENA ERNSTING
THE COLLEGIAN

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback announced his plan to decrease education spending by millions last Thursday. This proposal seeks to take 1.5 percent, or \$28 million, from elementary and secondary education schools, and more than \$16 million or approximately 2 percent from schools of higher education. K-State is looking at a

reduction of \$3.4 million in state funding, according to an announcement by K-State Communications and Marketing on Thursday.

The governor's office is quick to remind the public that fiscal year 2015 funding for higher education is still \$20 million above FY 2014 funding and \$177 million higher for K-12 funding, according to a statement released from the office of the governor.

Unfortunately, neither the governor nor his office is accounting for what educators will need to do in the wake of this announcement.

Educators are likely scrambling to make up for the lost dollars they were expecting in their budget. President Kirk Schulz is now looking at how funds can be reduced at K-State. This Friday, the University Budget Advisory

Committee is scheduled to meet to work on recommendations to figure out how this can be done.

Within some legal mumbo jumbo in Brownback's statement, it looks like he is trying to reallocate the 1.5 percent allotment, which must be the money taken away from K-12 education; however, the governor has not explicitly said K-12 education.

In his statement he is "calling on legislature to reform equalization factors in the current school finance formula" to stall \$54 million that was not originally appropriated by the Kansas Legislature in the 2015 FY budget bill.

"Friends, it is time for a new school finance formula," Brownback said in his State of the State address last month. "Now that formula should reflect real-world

costs, dollars in the classroom – and not dollars in the classroom met with bureaucracy or gimmicks. It should be about improving student achievement and school accountability, and not bureaucratic games."

I question the legitimacy of this new formula Brownback insisted on and spent a great deal of time talking about in his State of the State address. This new formula idea is not in use now, especially if he expects the Legislature to reform the current school finance formula. Key word being, current.

Brownback's office has the audacity to cite the purchase of a \$48,000 grand piano in their statement, claiming that its purchase is "symptomatic of the inherent flaws in the current formula." The statement continued, "That money could and

should have been used to hire another teacher to reduce class sizes and help improve academic achievement."

Summer Academy of Arts and Science in Kansas City, Kansas is the school that purchased the piano. The money for this piano came out of the school district's capital outlay fund that, by law, could not have been used to hire teachers; according to a Feb. 5 Kansas City Star article, "Gov. Sam Brownback's tax cuts, not a piano purchase, are to blame for Kansas budget woes."

Does Brownback expect a school to hire a teacher for just one year and increase academic achievement for one year only? No, that is absurd and a blatant waste of money. A new piano, though, is not a waste of money. The new piano was needed and funds were available for it. We are

looking at years of providing music to students versus one year of an additional teacher.

Overall, this reduction is causing more trouble than it is worth. With Brownback's office stating information that is not correct and educators scrambling to fill holes in their budget they were not expecting, Brownback should have chosen another area within the budget to make reductions.

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Anti-vaccine movement should require parents to register for safety of others



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An outbreak of measles in Southern California's Disney theme parks last December does not bode well for parents. Today's generation has no memory of the devastating effects of measles, polio and tetanus. Polio was one of the most communica-

ble diseases in the U.S. in the 1950s, according to a report by National Public Radio.

In 1952, about 60,000 children fell victim to the disease, leaving thousands paralyzed or dead. Even President Franklin D. Roosevelt was affected, as he hid the ravaging effects polio had on his body from the American public. The polio vaccine wiped out the scourge that threatened America's youth.

We now face a threat of polio, measles and other diseases returning, thanks to a generation of parents receiving misinformation. In 1998, British researcher Dr. Andrew Wakefield published a study that found a link between autism and vaccines.

Researchers later discovered that Wakefield falsified his data and was being paid at the time by a law firm that was planning to sue vaccine manufacturers, according to a report by CNN.

Known as anti-vaxxers, a small group of parents refuses to have their children vaccinated. Using pseudo-science and unfounded concerns over autism, these people represent the worst example of what happens when misinformation is allowed to spread.

Allergies to vaccines do exist, but are extremely rare, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Much like the diet fads of gluten-free products and low-carbs before that, the an-

ti-vaxxer movement seems to be more of a social issue than an actual health concern.

Unlike diet fads, refusing to vaccinate your kids can lead to public health disasters much like the one suffered at Disneyland. Although vaccinated children are protected, younger children and those with allergies to vaccines are at risk. As long as this trend continues, we're going to see more children get sick and even die.

The right to choose not to vaccinate does not give parents the right to let their potential disease-carrying children affect the health of others. Much like how sex and drug offenders must register with law enforcement, I

believe parents of unvaccinated children must also register in a national database.

All the work that has been put into vaccinations for more than 60 years could be defeated by the efforts of people who don't know any better. Polio is thought to have been completely eradicated in the U.S. by 1979. It would be shameful to see that disease gain a foothold again.

People have a choice to vaccinate or not vaccinate their children based on their personal beliefs. While I don't advocate taking that choice away, I do think other parents should be given the choice of letting their children interact with unvaccinated kids.

People have the right to know if their children are at risk. A national registry will help parents know just how dangerous their neighborhoods and schools are. As long as anti-vaxxers insist on believing false data, the rest of us should have a way to protect our young ones.

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Longhorns' size disrupts Wildcats in Bramlage

By EMILIO RIVERA
THE COLLEGIAN

For the first time since the final four games of last season, K-State men's basketball has dropped four-straight games, losing to Texas 61-57 at Bramlage Coliseum Saturday.

The Wildcats (12-12, 5-6) were dominated inside by the size of the Longhorns (15-8, 4-6). Texas outscored the home team in the paint 22-10. The 10 points inside was tied for the lowest in K-State history (Nebraska 2006).

The Longhorns defended the rim with ease, racking up an impressive seven blocks while forcing the Wildcats' post players into awkward shots to counter their size. The advantage also kept K-State from penetrating inside the paint.

"They have that good size inside and they defend that paint," K-State head coach Bruce Weber said after the game. "They block seven of those shots, and they block two or three that was goal-tending. Then you go in there and maybe you start hesitating."

No one K-State player was challenged more by Texas' height than senior forward Thomas Gipson. Gipson struggled to find space down low with two or more Longhorn bodies around him at all times. He finished with just five points and five rebounds in 31 minutes of action.

"Thomas (Gipson) had a tough day because of Texas' size. With the zone, not only the first guy, but the second guy (forced some issues)," Weber said. "The shot blocking, we didn't adjust. It was a little disappointing because we kept telling them that they're the best shot blocking team in the country."

The story of the night for the Wildcats offensively was the resurgence of freshman guard Tre Harris, who saw increased playing-time because of the suspension of sophomore guard Marcus Foster.

Harris was one of the main reasons the Wildcats re-

mained close, accounting for 12 points for the Wildcats on 4-6 shooting from behind the arc.

The only issue Harris faced was improved defense in the second half by Texas. Only three of his 12 points were scored in the final 20 minutes, though the target on his back opened the door for the likes of Nigel Johnson, who finished with three 3-pointers, including a late fadeaway to give K-State a chance in the waning seconds.

Senior forward Nino Williams, who finished with a team-high 13 points, also hit a deep trey to cut the deficit down to under five points.

The opening half was a crazy ride in itself for K-State. The Wildcats opened shooting 3-20 from the field, including a 10-minute scoring drought. The home team finished with 27 points by half-time, but 14 of those points came by way of the charity stripe.

K-State tied the game at the intermission with the help of a 13-2 run that neutralized the earlier drought. Harris hit three-consecutive threes during that stretch to rejuvenate the sold-out, blacked-out Bramlage Coliseum crowd.

The home crowd was nearly given an opportunity to celebrate a win down the stretch. K-State trailed 59-57 with under 20 seconds remaining. Weber called a timeout and drew up a play that gave Gipson the ball under the rim, but his shot sailed across the backboard into the arms of a Texas defender.

"It's hard, there's tears in the locker room," said Weber, referring to the loss Saturday to Texas as well as the Foster and Malek Harris suspension. "(The injuries and suspension are) tough on me and our staff, but we have to be there for them. We just have to help each other and stay with it. I guess the good thing is that some guys are getting some extra minutes and hopefully a little bit of confidence that will help them as we continue on."

The difficulties have left some noticeable marks on the team that at one point was



Senior forward **Thomas Gipson** goes up against Texas guard **Isaiah Taylor** for what would have been the game-tying basket in the final seconds of the Wildcats' 57-61 shortcoming at the hands of the No. 25 Longhorns last Saturday in Bramlage Coliseum. Gipson finished the game making zero of seven field goals.

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tied atop of the competitive Big 12 Conference.

"The only disappointing thing for me is the body language," Weber said. "If you

don't make a shot, so what. I can't always be begging them to have energy and passion. I understand if you don't make shots and you don't feel good

about yourself, but you have to get up the next day and perform and do it with enthusiasm."

K-State will try to put

a halt to their losing skid Wednesday in Morgantown, West Virginia against the Mountaineers. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

K-State Dance Marathon philanthropy isn't just about busting a move

By LEAH HILL
THE COLLEGIAN

When Nicole Fiorentino transferred to K-State, she knew getting involved right away was essential. What she didn't know was that she would be spearheading the K-State Dance Marathon, a fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network.

"It's (Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Dance Marathon) the largest student-run philanthropy in the U.S.," Fiorentino, senior in biology, said. "I was really surprised K-State didn't have it."

Generating over \$62 million, Dance Marathon for Children's Miracle Network Hospital is a nationwide movement that connects college and high school students with local hospitals.

Kicking off the first year of such an extensive fundraiser hasn't been easy, especially

with a name that might make supporters hesitant about busting a move.

"It's called 'Dance Marathon,'" Fiorentino said. "You don't necessarily dance. It's just like a marathon where there's dancing, and we benefit Children's Miracle Network."

K-State was paired with St. Francis Health Center in Topeka. The money raised will go to St. Francis, which will help families with the burden of medical bills.

"A lot of times when we tell people it's a dance marathon, it's kind of deceiving," Cassie Enright, sophomore in kinesiology and family relations co-director, said. "They're like, 'Oh, it's a dance.'"

While the name suggests a dance-off, the event is filled with dancing, games and entertainment for the kids and their families who are sponsored by K-State Dance Marathon.

The event is Sunday, April 19 in the Alumni Center from

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The whole idea is to bring the kids (from) St. Francis Hospital and show them a good time," Adrian Esquilin, senior in advertising, said. "They forget that they are sick and in the hospital. They are here to have fun."

Esquilin, along with Fiorentino, Enright and 12 other student executive directors of K-State Dance Marathon, have been fundraising for the celebratory event since August.

"Right now, we have a table in the (K-State Student) Union every Monday – Marathon Mondays – which allows us to just have a presence on campus every week," Esquilin said.

At the tables, the Dance Marathon executive directors encourage others to learn more about Dance Marathon. The fundraising process is measured on the K-State Dance Marathon DonorDrive site.

"Online you (can) go to

our donor drive website, and you would register," Fiorentino said. "Through that you can send out a link for people to join your team, and then you can send out a link to your profile page for people to donate to your team."

Individuals can register as a dance marathon director, dancer, committee member or morale captain. Each registration costs an initial \$25, and then participants can fundraise until a week before the event.

"At the very end of the dance marathon we reveal the total amount we've all raised for the whole year," Fiorentino said. "The kids are just so thankful. It's just indescribable the way you feel. Once you actually see the kids there, and you realize, 'Oh, I helped them. I helped them overcome the illness or even just a medical bill that their family has.'"

When K-State's first ever K-State Dance Marathon is completed, there will be a bond between the kids and

K-Staters.

"This is how family is done," Fiorentino said. "We're extending the K-State family to our St. Francis family."

Whether it is helping cover the cost of the medical bills or putting a smile on a child's

face, the K-State Dance Marathoners said they will look back and know all the hours planning and time spent fundraising were worth it.

"We always say, 'FTK' – for the kids," Fiorentino said. "It's all for them."

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TURKEY | Fundraising benefits conservation efforts

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At the banquet, old friends met to talk turkey, other types of hunting and what they have missed since they last saw each other. The banquet had a homely, welcoming atmosphere that showcased the fellowship the federation prides itself on.

Through the fundraising and fellowship, the National Wild Turkey Federation and its local Three Rivers chapter hope to push forward their "Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt" campaign. This campaign is aimed toward continuing the federation's mission to conserve and grow the wild lands

in the U.S., as well as getting more youth involved in hunting and conservation.

"We have new ways to track the number of hunters and wildlife populations now, and because of these technologies we are becoming more efficient and better at conserving our native lands," Derek Payne, regional director of the Three Rivers chapter, said.

With spring turkey season fast approaching, the Three Rivers chapter and state chapter in Kansas are preparing for upcoming youth and educational events and hunts that the National Wild Turkey Federation sponsors for all varieties of people.

TRACK | Junior thrower breaks 12-year-old K-State shot put record

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Winters managed to notch her second shot put victory of the season and her third gold overall.

The bigger story for Winters, though, was that her throw of 17.45 meters in the shot put event broke Rebekah Green's (2000-03) K-State school record of 17.28 meters. The Plainville, Kansas native has had the best performances of her career of late, throwing personal records in shot put in five-straight meets.

Also having a notable performance for the women was senior distance runner Laura Galvan. The distinguished distance runner managed to earn a third-place finish in the special 3,000

meter event.

In the men's 3,000 meter event, sophomore Jeff Bachman secured an eighth-place finish with a time of 8:42.30, finishing just over 10 seconds behind the first-place finisher in the event.

Also with a top-10 finish for the men, senior Logan Smith finished in seventh place in the special-800 meter event, finishing with a time of 1:53.20.

Up next for K-State is the Tyson Invitational, which will take place Friday and Saturday in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The invitational is K-State's final road meet for the team before coming back to Manhattan to conclude the indoor regular season, hosting the K-State open on Feb. 20.

TENNIS | Wildcats fall to 1-3 on season

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The Dons of San Francisco topped K-State 4-2 in the first-ever meeting between the two teams.

"Even though we lost, I think today was the best match we played since the season started, and I am so proud of the girls for stepping up and giving their best out there," Steinberg said.

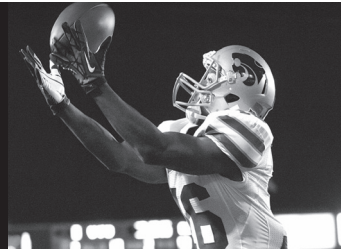
For a second-straight day, Cirnu and St. Hill carried the Wildcats. St. Hill completed a comeback victory (5-7, 6-4, 6-0) over San Francisco's Genevieve McCloskey. She has now won 11 of her last 12 matches and has improved to 5-0 in dual matches this season.

Cirnu earned a 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 victory over Milica Hadzi-Tanovic. Cirnu has now won two matches in a row and is at nine wins on the season.

K-State returns home this week to face-off against Missouri State mid-week and UMKC and Emporia State over the weekend. The Wildcats will start their three-game homestand against Missouri State Wednesday starting at 1 p.m.

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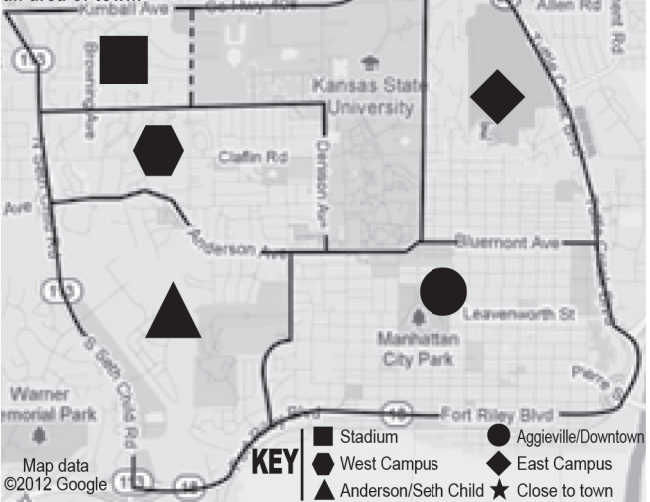
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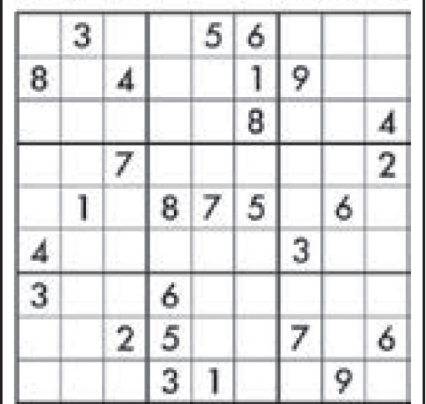
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Education advocate to give Black History Month keynote address

K-State's Black Student Union and Student Governing Association are co-sponsoring a lecture by education advocate Geoffrey Canada.

Canada, a Harvard graduate from a poor neighborhood in the South Bronx, is the founder of the Harlem Children's Zone. The nonprofit provides after-school programs, pre-kindergarten care, health care, college planning and classes for soon-to-be-parents.

"Geoffrey Canada is someone who advocates for education to be equal in all communities," Justice Davis, junior in marketing and K-State Black Student Union president, said in a K-State news release. "In light of what's relevant in today's society, bringing in speakers like Geoffrey Canada will expand cultural knowledge and racial consciousness on campus."

Canada and the Harlem Children's Zone were part of the 2010 documentary "Waiting for Superman," and inspired President Barack Obama's Promise Neighborhoods program, which offers grants to programs in 21 cities across the U.S.

The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. today and is free and open to the public.

Lawmakers fight to reduce prison population

With a projected \$600 million shortfall looming in the next fiscal year, the Kansas Sentencing Commission has submitted bills that could reduce the state prison population and save the state money, according to the Little Apple Post.

Bills aimed at keeping offenders out of prison for their first two marijuana possession convictions and allowing for early-release for good behavior would save the state \$3.6 million and would free up 150 beds in state prison.

That being said, parallel legislation that aims to lengthen sentences for drunk driving, home burglary and theft could stymie the cost-saving measures.

Brownback's budget cuts impact Kansas' prized highways

While Gov. Sam Brownback continues to defend his tax cuts and the march to "zero income taxes," his plans to divert \$158 million from highway projects have struck a nerve with many of his supporters according to an article by the Topeka Capital Journal.

Brownback, who sought re-election on the promise of low income taxes and high quality services, has seen revenues fall short of expectations and Kansas' credit ratings downgraded in 2014.

Kansas has stayed ahead of most other states on road maintenance due to 25 years of investment in projects. The Kansas Department of Transportation said big highway projects scheduled through 2019 would continue, and the cuts would only impact smaller projects.

Suspicious package discovered at Bramlage, deemed not a threat

The K-State Police Department determined that a suspicious package found on the northeast entrance ramp to Bramlage Coliseum at 2:15 p.m. was not a threat, according to a K-State news release.

The item was a flashlight wrapped in duct tape. As part of the safety procedures, foot traffic around the area was rerouted to other gates, members of the Kansas Highway Patrol canine bomb team requested further inspections by X-ray and members of the K-State Riley County police bomb team were dispatched to the area.

Bill aims to restrict use of college job titles in opinion pieces

The Topeka Capital Journal reported that employees of universities and community colleges could soon be prohibited from using their job titles when contributing to newspaper and opinion pieces.

The bill, which currently applies only to opinion pieces and letters to the editor, seeks to prohibit the use of job titles when criticizing or praising an elected official, a candidate or a matter pending before a government body.

Rep. John Carmichael, D-Wichita, said the bill would limit constitutional problems and limit public debate. Employees could still use their titles when writing about other topics.

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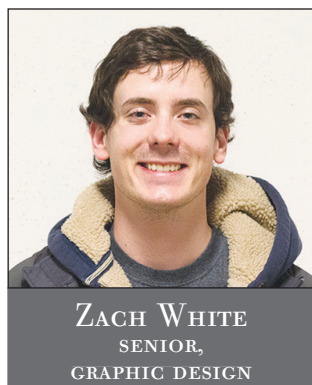
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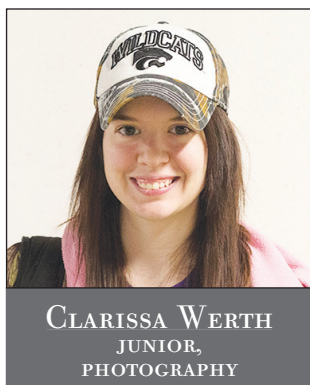
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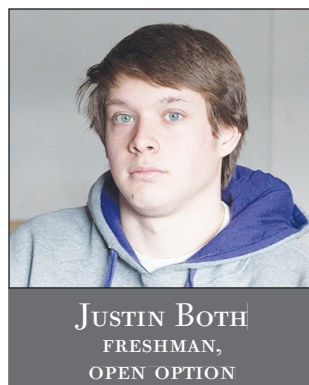
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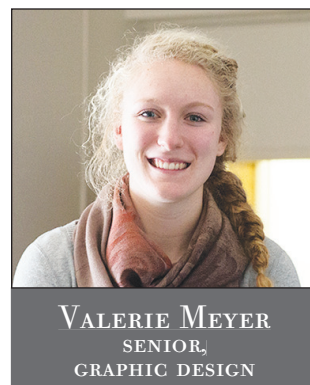
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"Ice skating, because I would love to do one of their dances. I love to dance."



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